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Application No.: 09/263,358

Amendments to Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1-8. These replacement sheets replace the original, in-formal drawing sheets including Figs. 1-8. No new matter is presented by way of these replacement drawings.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After the foregoing amendment, claims 1, 6-9, and 21-24 are currently pending in this application. Claims 2-5, 10-20 and 25 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 6-9 and 21 are amended. In the drawings, Figures 1-8 are replaced with formal drawings.

Finality of the Office Action

The July 3, 2008 Office Action is a Final Action. The Amendments submitted herewith should be entered as they only incorporate allowed subject matter previously claimed in dependant claims into the associated independent claims.

Objections to the Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings because the drawings were non-final drawings. Replacement sheets including Figures 1-8 are submitted herewith. The withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

Claims 1, 10, and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by over U.S. Patent No. 6,460,154 to Duxbury (hereinafter Duxbury). Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 5, which the

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Examiner indicated would be allowable. Claim 21 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 25, which the Examiner indicated would be allowable. Claim 10 is canceled. Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102 rejection of claims 1, 10 and 21 is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

Claims 2-4 and 22-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Duxbury. Claims 2-4 have been canceled. Claims 22-24 depend from claim 21, which Applicant believes to be allowable for the reasons presented above. Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103 rejection of claims 2-4 and 22-24 is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claims 5-9, 11, 12, and 25 are objected to as being dependant upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 5, 11, 12 and 25 have been cancelled. The subject matter of claim 5 has been added to claim 1. The subject matter of claim 25 has been added to claim 21. The objection to claims 5, 11, 12 and 25 is now moot.

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Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephonic interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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